

## Smith Creek watershed public meeting set for September 16, 2015 in Paris

**PARIS, TEXAS** – The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research invite residents in the Smith Creek watershed to the final public meeting for findings from the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) project. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers Room at Paris City Hall, located at 150 1<sup>st</sup> St SE in Paris, Texas. Sign-in will begin at 5:45pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm.

Smith Creek is within the Red River Basin within Lamar County. Smith Creek extends from the confluence with Pine Creek north of Paris to the upstream portion of the stream in north Paris in Lamar County. Smith Creek is on the state of Texas list of impaired waters for having bacteria concentrations that exceed water quality standards for primary contact recreation.

At this meeting, landowners and citizens will be updated on the findings from the RUAA and discuss the path forward. The draft technical report entitled “*Recreational Use Attainability Analysis for Iron Ore (0202K), Choctaw Creek (0202F), Bois D’ Arc Creek (0202A), Smith Creek (0202G), and Mud Creek (0201A) in the Red River Basin*” will be open for a 30 day public comment period immediately following the meeting. Sarah Robinson, with TIAER, “Stakeholder input on the draft technical report is essential to ensure current and historical uses of Smith Creek are adequately represented”.

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For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at <http://tiaer.tarleton.edu/ruaa/smith-creek.html> or contact Sarah Robinson at 254-968-1913 or [srobinson@tiaer.tarleton.edu](mailto:srobinson@tiaer.tarleton.edu)

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